

Remarks

In the Office Action dated July 5, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 1, and 4-6 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by the U.S. Patent to Lang, et al. 5,536,043.

By this Amendment, Applicant's Attorney has amended each of the independent claims of the application to make it clearer that a portion of skin of an air bag forms a closure portion provides the sole closure of an instrument panel opening and is directly exposed to an occupant compartment of the vehicle when the air bag is deflated.

Clearly, this feature is neither taught, disclosed nor discussed by any of the references of record including the U.S. Patent to Lang, et al. taken either alone or in combination with one another.

Consequently, in view of the above and in the absence of better art, Applicant's Attorney respectfully submits the application is in condition for allowance which allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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